

## KOSEI SAKAMOTO / Monochrome Circus

**Choreographer, Dance Director & Dancer** (Japan/Kyoto)

Kosei SAKAMOTO heads up dance company "Monochrome Circus" in Kyoto, Japan.

In University, he studied esthetics & anthropology and starts theater experiences.

He puts a great deal of effort in the performances of all nine pieces of "A Collection of Short Dance Pieces" at home and overseas. He is also active in collaborations such as "Refined Colors" and "lost" with Takayuki FUJIMOTO of "Dumb Type" and "Wash" with Shinta INOUE, "Cage" with Daito Manabe. "TROPE" with "graf". The company has been invited to show works at events around the world, including the Lyon Biennale (France), the World Dance Alliance (Singapore), the Full Moon Dance Festival (Finland), the Bates Dance Festival (USA), the Hong Kong Arts Festival, Festival d'Automne, etc.

Also, He create a lots of Community /Site-Specific Dance Works. In 2009 he co-produces with local dancers an orienteering-type dance performance "Let's find out Dancers!!" at "Beppu Contemporary Art Festival 2009 -Mixed Bathing World". In 2010 he produced a new performance with Shigeki HATTORI / graf in "Setouchi International Art Festival 2010". After, He also worked with many Architect like "Masaharu Furuya" "Alphavile" and deepened work with Architecture and Body.

A winner of the Kyoto-city Art and Culture Special Incentive Award in the fiscal year 2001.

Grantee of Asian Cultural Council in 2002

Received the Kyoto-city New Artist Prize in the fiscal year 2007.

He is Lecturer at Saga Art University, Visiting Professor of Outemon Gakuin University.

Program Director for the "Kyoto International Dance Workshop Festival"

Director for the "Contact Improvization Meeting in Japan"

### ■ Recent Work:

#### ***Discover Dancers!***

Site-specific work / Beppu International Arts Festival, 2009

#### ***Noashima Island Theater***

Site-specific work / Setouchi International Art Festival, 2010

***Orchestra Dances***

Community dance project with 160 citizens, Kani Art Center, Gifu, 2010

***TROPE***

Collaboration with graf xToru Yamanaka x Monochrome Circus, 2011

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1iElhd-EX6g>

***Haigafuru "Ash is Falling"***

Choreography by Kosei Sakamoto, in collaboration with Zodiak – Center for New Dance, Finland, & Japanese Artists. Performed at:

The Full Moon Dance Festival (Helsinki, Finland, 2012)

The Bird Theater Festival (Tottori, Japan, 2012) TPAM (2013)

<https://vimeo.com/44326851>

***FLOOD***

Choreography by Kosei Sakamoto, in collaboration with Kyoto Art Center (2019)

***TSUBUTE***

Choreography by Kosei Sakamoto&Yuko Mori , in collaboration with Urbanguild (2020)

***24th Kyoto International Dance Workshop Festival (2019)***

Kosei Sakamoto: Program Director

<http://www.hotsummerkyoto.com/fes10/ja/index.html>

***6<sup>th</sup> Contact Improvisation Meeting in Japan (2015)***

Kosei Sakamoto: Program Director, Producer

<http://www.cimj.net/>

■ Website

Monochrome Circus <http://www.monochromeircus.com>

Naoshima Theater <http://www.monochromeircus.com/naoshima/gallery/>

■ Works in You-Tube & Vimeo

“HAIGAFURU” <https://vimeo.com/44326851>

“lost” [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HsbXEcFLTI0&feature=player\\_embedded](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HsbXEcFLTI0&feature=player_embedded)

“Refined Colors” <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8qL5hdPGfWc&feature=related>

■ Selected Work

1996-2005 "Shukakusai/Harvest Festival" : World tour

2000 "Uta-Kata" France, Germany, Lithuania, USA , Japan

2001 "Skin/Ephemera" France, Germany, Japan

2003 "Dai Shukakusai" Kyoto Art Center : directed major collaboration

with 11 visiting artists from Korea, Thailand and USA

2004-07 "Refined Colors" World Tour - Thailand , Singapore , Malaysia , Vietnam, France , Portugal,

Hungary , Romania, Japan

2005 "Little Prince Hamlet" collaboration project with Asian 5 countries Artists

(Commissioned by Hong Kong Arts Festival) : Hong Kong

2006 "A Collection for Short Dance Series " start

"Mizu no Ie/ Water House"

"Kaibutsu/ Monster "

"Last Smile"

"Kizahashi/Edge"

2007 " Selenody for Toki " —A Collection for Short Dance Series 6"

"lost" – collaboration with Takayuki Fujimoto (Dumb Type)

"Passionate Journey" – Duet with 19dancers

2008 " Nagi/Calm " —A Collection for Short Dance Series 7"

" Wash " —A Collection for Short Dance Series 8"

2008-11 "Monster Project" – collaboration project with Emmanuelle Huynh ( CNDC Anger )

Kyoto , Anger , Paris , La Roche , etc

2009 "Cage" residency in CNDC Caen Bass-Normandie , Kyoto

"Let's Find Out Dancers!! " Beppu Art Festival 2009

" Lemming " —A Collection for Short Dance Series 9"

" Green Table " — collaboration with Jun Jun ×graf×Toru Yamanaka

2010 "Passionate Journey Fukuoka Version " – Duet with 19 dancers

"Let's Dance with Symphony Orchestra" – music by Jean Sibelius SymphonyNo.2

community dance project with 200 citizens

"Naoshima Theater " commissioned by Setouchi Art Festival 2010

2011 "TROPE " collaboration with "graf "

"And thus 6500years , earth may sleep very well " – Birds Theater Festival 2011/  
community dance project with 200 citizens

2012 "Haigafuru ~Ash is falling" @Zodiak, Full Moon Dance Festival(Finland ) birds Festival (Japan)

"Dance in Building " @Institu France , Enocojima Design Center ,

2013 "Haigafuru ~Ash is falling" @Japan Society (NY)

"TROPE 2.0 ~device as a new structure" @Voice Garalley (Kyoto )

"Endless" @ Festival de Danse Contemporaine Danse d'Ailleurs ( Caen , France)

"Let's find out Dancers!! " @ Kinosaki Art Center (Japan)

" Lemming" @ Fade in Fade out Program ( Wien )

2014 " Surprised Body Project Kyoto" @Kyoto Art Center , collaboration with company Wee (Norway)

" Haigafuru" @ Tokyo Performing Arts Market ( Yokohama, Japan)

2015 " Haigafuru ~Japanese Ver. @Kyoto Art Center

2016 " TROPE 3.0 " @ P3 art and environment (Tokyo , Japan)

2019 " FLOOD" @Kyoto Art Center

2020 "TSUBUTE" @ Urbanguild

■ Festival / Exhibition / Art Festival

" Kyoto Art Festival '98 - Contemporayr Art Section

" La Creation Contemporaine au Japon " Ecole National Beaux-Arts /

" Biennale d'art Contemporain Enghien-les-Bains '98,'00

" Kyoto Art Festival '99

" Lyon Biennale de la Dance '00

" Yokohama Dance Collection '01/ Yokohama , Japan

" Shizuoka Arts Festival '01"/ Shizuoka , Japan

" World Dance Alliance 2001 /Singapore

" Hiroshima Art Document 2001/Hiroshima , Japan

"11- Kaunus Dance Festival /Litania

"11- Cotbbus Dance Festival / Germany

" Kyoto Creators Meeting1'01

"NEXT NEXT" dance program '01/Tokyo

"Bangkok Fringe Festival '02"

" Next Dance Festival'03"/Tokyo

“ Dance Hakushu '03/ Yamanashi / Japan

“ Seoul Fringe Festival '03 /Korea

“ Sang Sang Festival '03/ Seoul , Korea

“ Exit “ '05/ Paris

“ Art Camp Kawada 2006 “/ Fukui , Japan

“ Sul dance festival'06”/Lisboa、 etc Portuguesa

“ Let's gonna go Dancing!! “ '06 / '07 /'08

“ Beppu Art Festival '09 Mixed Bathing World “ Beppu /Japan

“ SiDance Festival'09 / Seoul , Korea

“Festival d'Automne '10 /Paris “

Festival “Dance D'AILLEURS'10 / Caen National Center for Choreography / France

“ Mixed Bathing World / Beppu International Contemporary Art Festival '09 “ / Japan

“ Setouchi Art Festival 2010” Kagawa / Japan

“ Full Moon Dance Festival 2011 & 2012 “ /Finland

“ Birds Theater Festival 2012” / Japan

etc,